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Newslines

Air Force Birthday

The CMSgt Emerson E. Williams Dining Facility will serve a special meal for the Air Force's 56th birthday Thursday.

Entrees include strip loin steak, herb- and lemon-baked fish and chicken breast with orange glaze. Menu also includes appetizers, side dishes, salads, breads, desserts and drinks.

Retirees are welcome at the dining facility for this special meal.

Closure

The 20th Medical Group will offer limited services today. Personnel on flying status can access acute care by calling 895-6745 or through Flight Medicine's Active-Duty Sick Call at 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Commissary case lot sale

The Shaw Commissary will hold a Case Lot Sale today from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. A list of items available is located at www.commissaries.com.

Fuel/wash rack hours

The government vehicle fuel pumps and washrack facilities located inside the Vehicle Management Compound are open Mondays-Fridays from 6:30 a.m. - 11 p.m. and weekends and holidays from 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Units requiring fuel after hours can call the Command Post at **895-5850**. For assistance, call Vehicle Dispatch at **895-5016/5017/5018**.

Special leave accrual

People who will lose leave Oct. 1 due to deployment, extended duty hours or denial of leave due to operations may be eligible for special leave accrual consideration.

For more information, call **895-1592**.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Josef Cole

Gate work

Troy Graham, contractor with Sugar Construction in Sumter, uses a water-cooled concrete saw in the construction at Shaw's Main Gate. Construction is expected to last six weeks. During that time, the Main Gate will be closed to outbound traffic. Inbound traffic can access the base via Highway 441.

101 Critical Days ends, safety remains

By Airman 1st Class Susan Penning
Staff writer

Labor day weekend marked the end of the Air Force's 2003 '101 critical days of summer' safety campaign. The goal of the annual campaign is to promote safety and risk management among service-members involved in summer-related activities, and runs from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

During Shaw's 2003 campaign, one "Class A" mishap occurred, the same number as 2002. There were no "Class B" mishaps during the campaign in 2002 or 2003. Eight "Class C" mishaps occurred, compared to 14 in 2002.

Nine incidents of "driving under the influence of alcohol" occurred, compared to 18 in 2002.

From the wing commander down the chain of command, the word is getting out that DUI will not be tolerated at Shaw, said Linda Carter, 20th Fighter Wing ground safety chief.

Seatbelt compliance was up this year. Compliance consistently stayed at 97-98% in 2003, compared to 95-96% compliance in 2002, Carter said.

"Since disciplinary action is being enforced through squadron commanders, and Security Forces are conducting more seatbelt checks, we consistently see less violations," said Master Sgt. James

Fowlkes, 20th FW ground safety superintendent.

Although the '101 critical days of summer' for 2003 have come to a close, Shaw members are urged not to forget safety during the rest of the year.

"Members need to practice risk management on and off duty, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, no matter what time of the year it is," said Tech. Sgt. Michael Wilson, 20th FW ground safety craftsman.

Mishap Classification

Class A mishap -

- Mishap cost of \$1,000,000 or more
- A fatality or permanent total disability
- Destruction of or damage beyond economical repair to an Air Force aircraft

Class B mishap -

- Total mishap cost of \$200,000 or more, but less than \$1,000,000
- A permanent partial disability
- Inpatient hospitalization of three or more personnel

Class C mishap -

- Reportable damage of \$20,000 or more, but less than \$200,000
- Injury resulting in eight hours or more away from work beyond when it occurred; or occupational illness causing loss of time from work

Weekend weather

Friday



Mostly cloudy
High: 83
Low: 62

Saturday



Mostly sunny
High: 87
Low: 63

Sunday



Mostly sunny
High: 90
Low: 66

Courtesy of the 20th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight

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The symbolism of the Air Force Seal

In September 1947, proposed drawings of the Air Force Seal were exhibited in the office of the Secretary of the Air Force.

Later, a conference of approximately 30 Air Force general officers evaluated an Air Force seal with a green-colored background; it featured at the honor point of the shield a Wright Brothers' airplane. This seal was prepared by the Heraldic Section of the Office of the Quartermaster General, Department of the Army, in coordination with Robert E. Ewin, Chief of the Air Force Uniform and Insignia Section.

After review, conference participants decided the background of the seal should be blue rather than green, and a symbolic design should be substituted in place of the Wright Brothers' airplane. During these discussions, Arthur E. DuBois of the Military Planning Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Department of the Army, picked up the design and on its reverse side made a pencil sketch of Jupiter's thunderbolt as a suggested symbol. When Air Force representatives saw the pencil sketch and understood its significance, they agreed to adopt that design as the basic symbol for the Air Force Seal instead of the Wright Brothers' airplane.

The final drawing of the seal was completed in

the Office of the Quartermaster General, Department of the Army, and approved by Harry S. Truman, President of the United States, Nov. 1, 1947.

The symbolism incorporated in the Great Seal of the Department of the Air Force is as follows:

1. The predominant colors, ultramarine blue and gold, are the colors of the Air Force through transition from the Air Corps.

2. The 13 stars represent the Thirteen Original Colonies of the United States. The grouping of three stars at the top of the design portrays the three Departments of the National Defense Establishment, Army, Navy and Air Force.

3. The crest includes the American Bald Eagle, which is the symbol of the United States and air-striking power.

The cloud formation depicts the creation of a new firmament, and the wreath, composed of six alternate folds of silver and blue, incorporate the colors of the basic shield design.

4. The shield, divided with the nebula line formation, representing clouds, is charged with the heraldic thunderbolt. The thunderbolt portrays striking power through the medium of air.

5. The Roman numerals beneath the shield indi-

cate the year 1947, in which the Department of the Air Force was established.

6. On a band encircling the whole is the inscription "Department of the Air Force" and "United States of America."

The entire design used on the shield of the Air Force Seal is taken from an heraldic representation of the mythological thunderbolt, also termed Jupiter's thunderbolt. Jupiter was the Roman mythological God of the Heavens. At the honor point of the shield is a lightning bolt or elongated projectile-like mass, conceived of as the missile cast to earth in the lightning flash. The word thunderbolt, a single discharge of lightning with the accompanying thunder, derived from the idea that lightning was a bolt thrown to earth by a god. The pair of wings and smaller lightning flashes surrounding the bolt complete the design.

The eagle's head is turned to the right and symbolizes facing the enemy--looking toward the future and not dwelling on past deeds. (Information courtesy of <http://www.airforcehistory.hq.af.mil>.)



20th Security Forces Squadron Blotter

(Editor's Note: The Blotter includes recent incidents from the 20th Security Forces Squadron reports. The following information is intended to increase resource protection, awareness and safety concerns.)

- Two vehicles collided while backing up in the hospital parking lot.
- An airman was charged with Damage to Government Property when he broke a window in a dormitory.
- A vehicle hit a parked vehicle in the Dining Facility parking lot.
- An airman was apprehended off base for possession of marijuana.
- Two juveniles were involved in a verbal altercation at the 5000 Shoppette bus stop.
- Airmen reported a television and VCR stolen from separate dormitories.
- Two vehicles collided in the Commissary parking lot.

■ An airman reported damage to his vehicle while it was parked at the Community Center.

■ Two juveniles were detained for being in a physical altercation at the 5000 Shoppette.

■ A civilian reported another civilian hit her vehicle with his car door.

■ An airman was charged with Contributing to a Minor and another airman was charged with Underage Consumption of Alcohol and Failure to Identify.

In case of emergency, call 911. Direct routine questions and non-emergency concerns to the 20th Security Forces Squadron at 895-3670. If you have information about any crime, listed here or otherwise, call the 20th Security Forces Squadron Investigations section at 895-3600.



Traffic Tips

With the renewed emphasis on physical fitness, jogging during the dark morning and evening hours has become more common.

During hours of darkness, base runners/walkers (except those on the track) must wear reflective materials or light clothing to ensure their visibility to drivers.

OPSEC reminder

OPSEC ensures mission effectiveness, protects critical information, protects the integrity of the mission and maintains the element of surprise.

Trivia contest

Question: The Air Force celebrates its birthday Sept. 18, but on what day and by which act was the Department of the Air Force established?

Last week's answer: President Dwight D. Eisenhower published the Code of Conduct in 1955.

Last week's winner: Airman 1st Class Austin Chittum, 28th Operational Weather Squadron

The first person to e-mail *The Shaw Spirit* at spirit.editor@shaw.af.mil with the correct answer will get their name in next week's paper.

SHAW AFB DUI/DWI STATISTICS

LAST YEAR	THIS YEAR
33	19

CMS

WAS THE LAST UNIT TO RECEIVE A DUI/DWI

IT HAS BEEN

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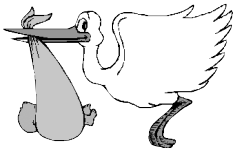
DAYS SINCE THE LAST INCIDENT

AADD 983-9722 (As of Thursday)

Stork Sorties

July 8 – Jaycen Elijah to Marvin and
Melissa Mays
Aug. 5 – Landon Edward to Michael and
Angel Nicholson
Aug. 10 – Anna Marie to Rob and Sarah
Tackett
Aug. 15 – Ephiny Danielle to Robert and
Wanda Chewning; Marcus Ryan to Brian and
Jeneice O’Connor; Maxx Elliott and Natalie
Jane to Paul and Emilie Oglesby
Aug. 19 – Benjamin Bryan to Bryan and
Beth Bonzo
Aug. 26 – Spellmon Michael to Spellmon
and Maria Quinn

If you would like your child’s
birth announced in the Stork
Sorties section of The Shaw
Spirit, send the date of birth,
baby’s full name and the first
and last name of the parent(s)
to spirit.editor@shaw.af.mil.
Announcements
are run the sec-
ond Friday of
each month and
should be received by the first
Friday.



Team Shaw members stay in the blue

The following is a list of Shaw personnel who
re-enlisted Aug. 1 - 31.

Chief master sergeant

Louis Demonte, 20th Security Forces
Squadron

Senior master sergeants

Gerald Laney, 20th Component Maintenance
Squadron; Craig Sloan, 609th Air Communi-
cations Squadron

Master sergeants

Victor Atlas, 20th Fighter Wing; William
Bailey, 9th Air Force; John Battis, 682nd Air
Support Operations Squadron; Jo Ann Cawthra,
609th ACOMS; Roosevelt Frazier, 20th
Maintenance Operations Squadron; Stanley
Frazier, 20th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron;
Jeffrey Haynes, 20th Aeromedical-Dental
Squadron; Gary Johnston, 609th Air Intelligence
Squadron; Eddie Kirk, 20th AMXS; John Leary,
20th CMS; Richard Lindsey, 20th Comptroller
Squadron; Richard Magnum, Detachment 8, 9th
AF; Bryan McGowan, 20th Operations Support
Squadron; Thomas Morton, 20th Equipment
Maintenance Squadron; Richard Petkus, 20th
Logistics Readiness Squadron; Jose Rodriguez,
609th AIS

Technical sergeants

Tedisha Baker, 20th ADOS; Steven Bowersox,
337th U.S. Air Force Recruiting Squadron; Brian
Bultman, 609th ACOMS; Allan Haltom, Operating
Location BA, 694th Intelligence Group; Bernard

Hampton, 20th CMS; Vanessa Holmes, 20th LRS;
Brian Jett, 20th CMS; Eric Jones, 20th SFS;
Michael Manning, 20th EMS; William Martin,
20th AMXS; Timothy McEwen, 20th SFS; David
Naros, 28th Operational Weather Squadron; Sherri
Neurock, Det. 592, AFROTC Southeast Region;
Kurt Petty, Det. 2, 372nd Training Squadron;
Jeffrey Sanders, 20th Maintenance Group;
Michael Thomson, 20th FW; Tobin Tole, 682nd
ASOS; Michael Ward, 20th CPTS; Tashia Young,
609th Air Operations Group

Staff sergeants

Kenneth Aimone, 20th EMS; Anthony Davis,
15th Air Support Operations Squadron; Stephen
Flagg, 20th Medical Operations Squadron; Adam
Gordon, 609th AIS; Edward Haldeman, 609th
ACOMS; Jeffrey McLaughlin, 20th AMXS;
Richard Nixon, 20th Communications Squadron;
Melissa Petosky, 609th AIS; Christopher Pratt,
31st Intelligence Squadron; David Rogers, 20th
EMS; Randy Shoudy, 20th AMXS; Timothy
Smith, 20th LRS; Dennis Speicher, 55th Fighter
Squadron; Luke Watkins, 31st IS; Jennifer Wilson,
31st IS

Senior airmen

LaKeitha Butler, Det. 1, 338th TS; Robert
Cabana, 20th Services Squadron; Gershwyn
Caruth, 20th ADOS; Valerie Cleveland, 609th
Combat Operations Squadron; Brian Joscher, 20th
AMXS; Clifton Kisner, 31st IS; Sarah Rucker, 31st
IS; Christopher Sanders, 20th MOS